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CAMPAIGN 2002: GOP BATTLE FOR CONTROLLER FEATURES CONSERVATIVES ANDAL & McCLINTOCK.

Editor's note: There are two solid Republicans and two solid Demos seeking to replace Calif. Controller Kathleen Connell(D), who is termed out. Here's *Calpeek's* update & analysis on the GOP primary. Next week the Demos...

...On the GOP side, there's Bd. of Equalization Member Dean Andal of Stockton vs. State Sen. Tom McClintock of Camarillo. In terms of political philosophy, both are very conservative. Of the two, Andal is the more reserved and thoughtful. McClintock is the more driven and outspoken. This is McC's 2nd attempt to win this particular statewide office. In 1994, Connell buried McC under a ton of tv ads...

...In terms of *focus*, McC has an advantage over Andal. This is not to say that McC is going to win this primary, only that when it comes to "fire in the belly," McC has a decided edge. Best example: when the conservative CA Republican Assembly(CRA) held their endorsement convention last year, McC was there, while Andal skipped it to attend a family wedding. Andal was told there would not be an endorsement in his race, but that info was wrong. Had Andal showed up, he might have blocked McC. And while CRA isn't as big a group as it once was, in a low-turnout GOP primary, every vote counts. Bottomline: Andal should have gone to the convention, regardless...

...Both have some excellent endorsements and both are known as strong tax fighters. McC's big issue has been the abolishment of the VLF (vehicle license fee) or car tax, while Andal's been pushing cities and counties to reduce the utility taxes - especially when electric and natural gas rates skyrocketed. McC has been endorsed by the Nat'l Tax Limitation Cmt., while Andal is backed by the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Assn. When it comes to money, Andal has a lead in cash on hand: \$540,926 (+\$354,318 in a state senate account) vs. \$238,373 for McC. In these low profile Statewide primaries, sometimes it's the candidate with the most slates. At the end of last year, Andal had a decided lead in slates, but the *slatecard gap* has been closed by

McC. Both are on about 7-8 different cards...

...The only polling data Calpeek has seen is very old, but since there haven't been any major developments in months, it's probably still valid. Back in April, GOP pollster Bob Moore did a survey for McC, which showed him with 42% name ID statewide. That seems high (even to Moore). In an Andal vs. McC battle: 28% McC vs. 10% Andal, with the remainder undecided. This race is a toss-up for now. News media editorial endorsements could play a big part in this primary. Stay tuned...

NEW SURVEYS IN CALIF. GOVERNOR'S CONTEST

Editor's note: There are several new polls for *Campaign 2002*. The Field Poll and the L.A. Times were both taken from Jan. 23-27. The Public Policy Inst. of Calif. survey was taken 12/26 thru 1/10/02. We have arranged them in chart-form...

	PPIC	FIELD POLL	L.A. TIMES
Riordan(R)	41%	46%	34%
Simon(R)	4%	13%	20%
Jones(R)	13%	13%	13%
Undecided	42%	28%	13%

RIORDAN VS. DAVIS

Riordan(R)	41%	47%	43%
Davis(D)	37%	40%	44%

CAMPAIGN 2002: NEW POLLS ON GOVERNOR'S RACE CONFUSE CALIF. POLITICAL PUNDITS AND JUNKIES.

Editor's note: Is former L.A. Mayor Richard Riordan a sure winner in Calif.'s Mar. 5th GOP gubernatorial primary - as the new Field Poll suggests? Or is the primary still up for grabs as the new L.A. Times survey suggests? And if you believe the L.A. Times, has CA Gov. Gray Davis(D) really closed the gap with Riordan??? Here's our analysis...

...From the above box, one can see that there is a rather large discrepancy between Field and the LAT in the GOP primary race, mostly in respect to Riordan's numbers. But both polls do show a *surge* from 4% into double digits for conservative businessman Bill Simon Jr. and both show no movement at all for GOP Sec. of State Bill Jones. The

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explanation for Simon's upward movement is 2 weeks of solid tv, featuring former NY Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Jones doesn't have the funds for tv at this time and is struck at 13%. And at this point most *Calpeek* sources feel Simon has moved into second. As for Riordan, he's been on tv with a positive message for 3 weeks in all parts of Calif. except L.A....

...Enter Gov. Davis. If anyone thought Davis political strategist Garry South would sit on his hands during the primary while a trio of GOP candidates bashed the governor, they were wrong. *Team Davis* believes Riordan will be the GOP nominee, but would rather face Jones or Simon. After starting positive tv to beef up his own numbers with the Demo base, Davis has now gone *negative* on Riordan with 3 spots: 1) Riordan's contributions to anti-choice causes; 2) Riordan's actions during Calif.'s energy crisis; and 3) Riordan's record on crime. Spots 2 & 3 could cause Riordan problems with the GOP base. Riordan has responded to Davis' attack, but has not refuted the specifics...

...Did the Davis spots impact these new polls? Mixed reaction. Some say YES, noting that Davis' positive spot had been on the air prior to and during the Jan. 23-27 polling. Others disagree, especially since the negative ads against Riordan probably hit too late (anti-choice spot began airing 1/25) to impact the Field or *L.A. Times* poll...

...The big question is whether Simon can take advantage of this situation? Riordan is a moderate GOPer and on some issues is running to the left of Davis. In effect, Riordan is thumbing his nose at the GOP conservative base. Sources say this may backfire in a low turnout GOP primary. *Calpeek* sources claim Simon will spend the big bucks and he will hit Riordan on several controversial issues which will anger GOP voters: Riordan's stand to give illegal immigrants free healthcare; Riordan's statements about Calif.'s minimum wage; and Riordan's record during the energy crisis. Will it work? Perhaps – IF Simon spends the bucks and puts some iron in his otherwise rather limp campaign...

...FYI: Remember 1966 when Gov. Pat Brown(D), seeking a 3rd term, dismissed Ronald Reagan as a viable candidate and instead went after S.F. Mayor George Christopher? We all know what happened, but is 2002 similar to 1966? Stay tuned...

SOME INFO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CALPEEK.

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CAMPAIGN 2002: UPDATE ON U.S. HOUSE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here's another update on key U.S. House primary contests...

☒ *Condit Watch (18th CD)* – It's probably all over for embattled U.S. Rep. Gary Condit(D-Ceres) if the latest polling data is on target and there's no reason to believe otherwise. In the Mar. 5th Demo primary, Condit is pulling only 24% vs. 52% for Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza(D-Modesto). Two other Demos are pulling 9% between them and 15% are undecided. This survey was conducted by Sacto-based Jim Moore, Jan. 21-23 among 600 likely 18th CD voters...

...The poll was interesting because it once again confirmed that Condit would have a difficult time holding the 18th CD in the Demo column in November. In a match with State Sen. Dick Montieth(R-Modesto), Condit gets only 29% vs. 55% for Montieth. In a match with Cardoza, Montieth gets 35% vs. 46% for Cardoza, with the remaining undecided...

...Another sign that Cardoza is pulling away from Condit in the Demo primary, U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, as well as U.S. Rep. Cal Dooley and former Congressman Tony Coelho(D), who use to represent this CD, all have endorsed Cardoza. FYI: 3 local Sheriffs (all GOPers) also endorsed Cardoza: Gary Carlson of Merced Co., Les Weidman of Stanislaus Co. and Lou Blanas of Sacto Co. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2002: CALIF. LEGISLATIVE CONTESTS.

Editor's note: Here is Part III in our continuing series of updates about key Legislative primary contests...

☒ *19th AD* – This is the seat now held by Lou Papan(D), who is termed out. Papan is trying to hand the seat off to his daughter, Gina Papan, who works as a Deputy AG. Until reapportionment came along, Papan's key Demo rival for the 19th AD was going to be San Mateo Co. Sup. Mike Nevin. But during the remap process, Nevin was dealt out of the 19th AD. That's politics in the big city. So State Sen. Jackie Speier(D-San Mateo) – with an assist from Nevin – persuaded So. S.F. Councilman Gene Mullin to challenge Gina Papan. Enter unknown but deep pocketed general counsel for *Handspring* Dave Pine, who before he moved to Calif., was once a lawmaker in New Hampshire. Pine's been pumping a ton of money into both cable and broadcast tv and probably is now giving Papan and Mullin a run. Papan has been endorsed by U.S. Senators Feinstein and Boxer, as well as U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi. In terms of cash-on-hand, Papan leads with \$378,779 (most of which came from Lou prior to Prop. 34); Pine showed \$175,431; and Mullin had \$81,570. Papan has the name

ID; Mullin has lots of labor backing and key support from Speier/Nevin; while Pine – well he could be the *Silky Sullivan* in this primary. Edge to Papan for the time being, but if Pine starts to close watch out...

☒ **58th AD** – In the 19th AD (above), it's the father trying to hand off the seat to his daughter. In the 58th AD, it's a brother, Assemblyman Tom Calderon, who is trying to see his younger brother Ron Calderon get his job. This AD includes Pico Rivera, Covina, Whittier and Montebello. Calderon almost got a free ride to Sacramento, but at the last minute Chuck Fuentes, COS to U.S. Rep. Grace Napalitano (D), jumped from the crowded 39th CD to this primary. By the time Fuentes got into this contest, most of labor was already locked up, but Fuentes still won a few endorsements: UAW, CA Nurses Assn., UFCW and #12 Operating Engineers. Among the politicians who have lined up with Fuentes are State Senators Polanco, Escutia and Romero. Lining up with Calderon are Speaker Bob Hertzberg and Speaker-in-waiting Herb Wesson. In the race for money, Calderon has \$62,446 c-o-h vs. \$42,197 for Fuentes. Fuentes will hold events in Sacto on Feb. 7th and on the Westside of L.A. on Feb. 4th. Remember: Fuentes has friends all over L.A. Co., as he use to be a top assistant to L.A. Mayor Jim Hahn (before Hahn was elected mayor). For now, this race is very close...

☒ **52nd AD** – This is the open seat in the area now represented by Carl Washington (D). It's an interesting primary because both the Latino and Black Caucuses are locked in battle. This area has a 65% Latino population, but in terms of registered voters, it's only 21-24% Latino. The leading Black candidate is former Lt. Governor and Congressman Mervyn Dymally, while the leading Latina is Alex Gallardo-Rooker, who is vice chair of the Calif. Demo Party. Lois Jean Hill is another Black candidate, but she lacks resources to compete, although she is running a solid grassroots campaign. The other key Demo primary rival is Paramount Mayor Diane J. Martinez. Like Hill, she lacks resources, but could drain votes away from Rooker. Some, but not all, think this is Dymally's race to win or lose. Dymally's cash-on-hand is \$72,936 vs. \$2,369 for Rooker (but she's already spent about \$34,968)...

☒ **39th AD** – Had Yolanda Fuentes (D) gotten into this primary sooner (rather than later), she'd be almost even with frontrunner Cindy Montanez, the mayor of San Fernando. Instead, it was San Fernando councilman Richard Ramos who got the nod from the "Guys" to run for Tony Cardenas' seat. But just before filing deadline, Ramos dropped out. A scramble was on and Fuentes was tapped to run. By the time she got into the race, the L.A. Co.

Federation of Labor had sided with Montanez, but Fuentes does have strong support from Laborers #300 and the UAW + outgoing Speaker Bob Hertzberg, as well as her boss, Tony Cardenas, + Polanco and L.A. Council Pres. Alex Padilla and the San Fernando Valley Demos. In the Montanez corner is UTLA, Calif. NOW, L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca, L.A. County Sup. Gloria Molina + 11 State senators/17 assemblymembers. But in the all important money contest, it's not close: Montanez has \$162,066 cash on hand vs. \$63,556 for Fuentes. But don't count Fuentes out. She's regarded (even by opponents) as a tireless worker who makes Cardenas the effective lawmaker he is. Right now Montanez has an edge. Stay tuned...

CAMPAIGN 2002: COUNTY DISTRICT ATTY. RACES.
Editor's note: Here is Part II in our continuing series of reports about key DA races throughout the State...

◆ ***Contra Costa*** – DA Gary Yancey is retiring and 5 rivals are vying for this job. They include Chief DDA Bob Kochly; DDA Michael Griessett; DDA Mark Peterson; attorney Matt Guchard; and S.F. Co. ADA Mike Menesini. Of this group, sources say Kochly and Peterson are the ones to watch. Kochly has been endorsed by Yancey + Contra Costa Sheriff Warren Rupf. Peterson is a councilman from Concord and thus has a solid base. The Concord POA supports Peterson + former State Sen. Dan Boatwright. Most of the key slates are with Peterson. Runoff likely between Peterson and Kochly...

◆ ***San Bernardino*** – This is one of the hottest DA contests in Calif. Incumbent Dennis Stout, seeking a 3rd term, is under siege from DDA Mike Ramos and attorney Frank H. Guzman. Guzman isn't likely to draw more than 6-8%, but that may be enough to force a runoff between Stout and Ramos. The reason Stout is in trouble is because two of his top deputies (at Stout's request) fed info to Rialto Councilman Ed Scott in his campaign against embattled San Berdu Co. Sup. Jerry Eaves. Eaves was being investigated for political corruption. When the incident was exposed, the headlines were very damaging to Stout – and Eaves won reelection (although he's not out of this legal mess just yet). The negative headlines about Stout continue, but the DA does have his supporters: the San Bernardino POA, Ontario POA, CCPOA and Sen. Jim Brulte. Ramos' campaign is backed by San Bernardino Co. Sup. Dennis Hansberger, most all of organized labor in the San Berdu/Riverside county area; and POAs from Adelanto, Barstow, Colton, Fontana, Montclair, Redlands, Rialto and Upland. COPS has endorsed too, as has PORAC and the DA Investigator's Assn. and CCPOA/San Berdu Co. PAC. Ramos is on about a dozen slates vs. 4-5 for

Stout. Runoff likely...

◆ **Fresno** – Longtime DA Ed Hunt is retiring and there are 5 challengers seeking to replace him. They include Chief DDA Dennis Cooper; DDA Elizabeth Egan; DDA Jeff Hamilton; former DDA Gordon Panzak; and attorney Colin Kooyumjian. Sources say a runoff is very likely between Egan and either Hamilton or Cooper. Egan has been endorsed by Hunt, the CCPOA and former Fresno Sheriff Steve Magarian. The Hunt endorsement was very critical because a woman has never been elected DA or Sheriff in Fresno Co. Hamilton has been endorsed by the Fresno Prosecutors Assn., PORAC, several local POAs and the Deputy Sheriffs Assn. He's on several slates, including the COPS slate. As for Cooper, he's got excellent prosecutorial skills, has been with the DA's office 21 years and claims to have put more convicts on Death Row than any other. But it's his political skills which may hurt him. Sources say he's having a tough time raising money. More next week. Stay tuned...

CALPEEK'S CALENDAR OF POLITICAL EVENTS

Feb. 8-10	CA Republican Party convention, San Jose.
Feb. 13	GOP governor's debate – CSU/Long Beach.
Feb. 15-17	CA Democratic Party convention, Bonaventure Hotel, L.A.
Feb. 19	Last day to register for the Mar. 5 primary.
Feb. 23-26	Nat'l Governor's Assn. conf., Washington DC.
Feb. 24-26	CA Centerfor Educ. in Public Affairs, annual Sacramento Seminar.
Mar. 5	CA Primary Election.
Mar. 19	5 th annual L.A. Political Roast, Beverly Hilton Hotel.
Mar. 21-23	AAPC 2002 spring conference at Gaslamp Quarter Hilton, San Diego.

CALPEEK'S INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few items, political & otherwise, worth noting...

■ **Enron Calif. Update** – A new CBS-NY Times poll shows that 67% of Americans think the Bush White House is either hiding something or lying about its dealings with Enron. This situation isn't helped by VP Dick Cheney's refusal to hand over info developed by his Energy Task Force during meetings with Enron and other energy firms. This confrontation with the GAO has now resulted in a lawsuit by GAO to force Cheney to turn over the info. So this business scandal is on the fast track to becoming more of a political scandal/cover-up. And making matters worse for Enron, the S.F. Chronicle got its hands on a 3-page memo from a meeting between ex Enron CEO Ken Lay and Cheney, outlining Enron's position against price caps

and other measures during the height of Calif.'s energy crisis. Not good news for Mr. Cheney. This S.F. Chron story was authored by David Lazarus and it should be on your reading list...

■ **CA YMCA Model Legislature & Court** – A project near and dear to former Gov. George Deukmejian, who will host a fundraising reception for this project at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 14, at the Calif. Chamber of Commerce office in Sacramento. Tickets \$100 per person or \$125 per couple...

■ **New Polls on Prop. 45** – Prop. 45 is the initiative which would extend Calif.'s legislative term limits. The new L.A. Times polls shows 48% YES vs. 38% NO, with 14% undecided – among likely voters...

■ **CRL Endorsements** – Last year the bigger and more conservative Calif. Republican Assembly(CRA) issued its recommendations. Now comes the moderate Calif. Republican League(CRL). They have endorsed: Riordan for governor; McPherson for LG; Olberg for SOS; McClintock for controller; Toman for treasurer; Mendoza for insurance commissioner...

CALPEEK'S NEW JOBS AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● A sad note: former State Sen. Paul Carpenter(D), 73, died Jan. 24th after a battle with cancer. He served in the Assembly, State Senate and on the Bd. of Equalization. He was convicted in 1990 of political corruption, but got off on a technicality – but was forced from office. R.I.P...

● Sacto-based P/A and P/R guru Gwyn Bicker has added Brandon Castillo and Kathy Fairbanks as partners. The firm's name is now Bicker, Castillo & Fairbanks...

● Attorney Mickey Kantor has become a member of Fleishman Hillard's Internat'l Advisory Board. Kantor was former Sec. of Commerce and U.S. Trade rep in the Clinton Administration...

● P/A and campaign consultant Eileen Padberg has moved her offices to 2102 Business Center Dr., Ste. 130, Irvine, CA 92612. Telephone (949)253-4145...

● Michele Blair Revelle has open her own consulting firm: Blair Revelle Communications @ (714)730-1717. She will continue her p/a work with the Orange Co. Medical Assn...